

REMARKS

This is a continuation application of pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/421,119 filed on April 22, 2003. This application claims the benefit under Title 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/374,700 filed on April 23, 2002 and 60/378,775 filed on May 8, 2002.

Claims 1-47 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 48-62, newly presented herein, are pending in this application. Claims 48-62 are directed to specific embodiments of Applicants invention and are fully supported by Applicants' disclosure and introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; that this application be considered in view of the above amendment and following remarks; and that all of the claims in this application be allowed.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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